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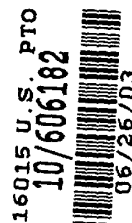
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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of Tsutomu HASHIZUME and Tetsushi TAKAHASHI  
INK JET RECORDING HEAD HAVING PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT AND  
ELETRODE PATTERNED WITH SAME SHAPE AND WITHOUT PATTERN  
SHIFT THEREBETWEEN (As Amended)  
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q76316

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 08/788,959 (Confirmation No. 8445) filed January 24, 1997 and allowed March 26, 2003 of Tsutomu HASHIZUME and Tetsushi TAKAHASHI entitled INK JET RECORDING HEAD HAVING PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT AND ELETRODE PATTERNED WITH SAME SHAPE AND WITHOUT PATTERN SHIFT THEREBETWEEN.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 18 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2855.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This is a continuation of Application No. 08/788,959 filed January 24, 1997, allowed March 26, 2003; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	8-12113	January 26, 1996
Japan	8-35255	February 22, 1996
Japan	9-8075	January 20, 1997



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Continuation of U.S. Appln. No. 08/788,959 (*Q76316*)

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 08/788,959.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>13</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>3</u> - 3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
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**TOTAL FILING FEE**

**\$750.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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